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Desert Storm marks 10th anniversary

For some, it seems like only yesterday; for others, it seems like eons ago. But in truth, the end of January marked the 10-year anniversary of the beginning of Operation Desert Storm. It didn't last too long; the Persian Gulf War ended Feb. 28, 1991. In this photo, an F-16C Fighting Falcon fighter from the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, is prepared for a strike against targets in Iraq and Kuwait. For more on this story, turn to page 14. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Marvin Lynchard)

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Out of the mouths of babes ...

"First comes love; then comes marriage; then comes ..."

Wait a minute! With Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, perhaps what we need is a new perspective on love and marriage. Not long ago, a group of kindergarten and elementary school children were asked some questions about that mysterious something that makes the world go 'round. I thought I'd share some of their answers with you.

Question: What is the proper age to get married?

Judy, 8 years old: "Eighty-four. Because at that age, you don't have to work anymore and you can spend all your time loving each other."

Tom, 5 years old: "Once I'm done with kindergarten, I'm going to find me a wife!"

Question: When is it okay to kiss someone?

Jimmy, 10 years old: "You should never kiss a girl unless you have enough bucks to buy her a big ring and her own VCR, because she'll want videos of the wedding."

Kally, 9 years old: "Never kiss in front of other people. It's a big embarrassing thing if anybody sees you. But if nobody sees you, I might be willing to try it with a handsome boy, but only for a few hours."

Question: Is it better to be single or married?

Lynette, 9 years old: "It's better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them."

Kenny, 7 years old: "It gives me a headache to think about that stuff. I'm just a kid. I don't need that kind of trouble."

Question: What is falling in love like?

Harlen, 8 years old: "I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be so painful."

Leo, 7 years old: "If falling is love is anything like learning how to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long."

Question: Do you have to be good-looking to fall in love?

Jeanne, 8 years old: "If you want to be loved by someone who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful."

From
the
VANTage
Point



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Gary, 7 years old: "It isn't always just how you look. Look at me, I'm handsome like anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet."

Question: How do you make someone fall in love with you?

Del, 6 years old: "Tell them you own a whole bunch of candy stores."

Alonzo, 9 years old: "Don't do things like having smelly sneakers. You might get attention, but attention ain't the same thing as love."

Question: How do you learn to kiss?

Doug, 7 years old: "You learn it right on the spot when the gooshy feelings get the best of you."

Carin, 9 years old: "It might help to watch soap operas all day."

Question: How do you make love last?

Tommy, 7 years old: "Spend most of your time loving instead of going to work."

Randy, 8 years old: "Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the trash."

Question: Are you in favor of love?

Bobby, 8 years old: "Love will find you, even if you're trying to hide from it. I've been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me."

Regina, 10 years old: "I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough."

Steve, 53 years old: "You bet. I can't imagine living my life without someone to share my successes and failures, without someone to hold when I don't feel like talking, without someone to laugh at my terrible jokes when I do feel like talking, without someone to finish my sentences before I do, without someone to put her cold hands on my back in the middle of the night, without someone to care whether I'm sick or well or dead or alive, without someone to be my other half. Happy Valentine's Day, Brooks."

Impatient? Then hurry up and read this

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In ancient times, when taking time to enjoy long-playing records while longing for someone's slow embrace was the cultural norm, patience was a virtue. Not so today when everything is measured by how quickly things can be done. We've progressed from terms for expediency like ASAP to completing actions in a microsecond.

In our fast-paced world, impatience rules as surely as store shelves recently laden with Christmas decorations are now brimming with giant boxes of chocolate Easter bunnies. Impatience is the mother of road rage, rude shoppers and the near-extinction of common sense, reason and logic.

We've become a society of instant gratification. This obsession permeates our culture from ATM's instant cash to instant credit to pay for cosmetic surgery's instant beauty. Instant beverages and meals abound. Instamatic cameras evolved into digital photography that can be downloaded onto zip disks that compress information in a hurry.

Our postal system's zip code, designed for faster mail delivery, has apparently become even faster now that there are more digits separated by a punctuation mark that connotes speed — the dash, as in "40-yard dash." Somehow it's hard to image postal employees zipping around our neighborhood armed with the newer and longer zip codes as they make a mad dash to deliver our mail!

We live in the fast lane eating fast food from quick woks while giving our cars a quick fix with quick lubes. Some of us are delusional in thinking we can make a quick buck through get-rich-quick schemes.

We ignore roadblocks to take shortcuts in our chosen mode of rapid transit. Many distort speed zones to mean speed up, especially at railroad crossings where impatient motorists learn a deadly lesson in applied physics: a train's speed reaches critical mass (of a wreck) when road warriors prove they're not faster than a speeding bullet.

Movies such as "Gone in Sixty Seconds" and "Speed" become metaphors for our impressionable youth whose hyperactivity translates into traveling from one distraction to another through their version of hyperspace.

Few, if any of us, take time to smell the roses by observing our natural world's fixation on patience. In the wild kingdom, patience is not only a virtue, it's a matter of life and death. Consider this: have you ever seen a lion living in the wild stalk its prey on the run? There are no drive-through watering holes in the wild. Caution and stealth are a lion's inherited traits.

Even death in nature is sudden, but not fast. Venus fly traps take time to digest their victims, and it's not so 'quick' a death if one is swallowed up in quicksand.

So as we downshift from holiday frenzy into the cruise control of express lines to eat quick snacks from short-order menus, consider nature's examples in patience.

Remember this: the immobile flower called 'impatiens' is in no hurry to grow.



Listening plays major role in communication

By Gen. Lester Lyles
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) — Most of us know the story of how Alexander Graham Bell and his assistant, Thomas Watson, invented the telephone.

In 1876, the two were tinkering with a mechanism they hoped would someday allow speech to be transmitted over wires. Watson listened to his crude receiver and heard Bell's crackling voice utter the words, "Watson. Come here, I need you."

Two key elements made this historic event happen. Bell's voice was actually carried over the wires, and Mr. Watson was listening. By listening, he completed the communication process and the message was received.

Communication is one of my guiding principles. Many of you have heard me say that I live by the phrase "communicate, communicate, communicate."



Lyles

I believe it's important to us in the Air Force — and in our daily lives. We cannot function as an office, organization, community or society unless we communicate with one another.

But it's a two-way process. If the message is sent, but no one receives it, the communication process breaks down. Just like Mr. Watson, we all have to be good listeners.

We all must strive to listen to the people around us. Whether it's the commander listening to one of his people or a young airman listening to guidance from his first sergeant, we cannot communicate unless we listen.

All commanders and supervisors, military and civilian, need to ensure a two-way flow of information is taking place with their people. Leaders, no matter at what level, need to hear from their people about their issues, concerns, thoughts and ideas. They in turn must share information with their people and their people must listen.

And listening involves more than simply turning an ear to what someone is saying. We must take the information we hear, process it, think about it and respond in some manner. We should not treat people the same way we treat our car radio — simply there for background noise and we "tune in" only when we hear something of interest.

There are, of course, many techniques and forums that foster good communication. And not everyone prefers to communicate the same way. Personally, I have an "open door" policy. This doesn't mean my office door is always open, but it does mean I am accessible.

You may prefer to communicate by phone, by walking around your work area and talking with people one-on-one, or meeting in a group session at an offsite or working lunch. The setting doesn't matter as long as that two-way communication is taking place.

Everyone should know they can get information to their supervisor or commander. However, this doesn't mean violating the chain of command or going "over someone's head." Everyone up and down the chain should be involved.

But most importantly, everyone should listen.

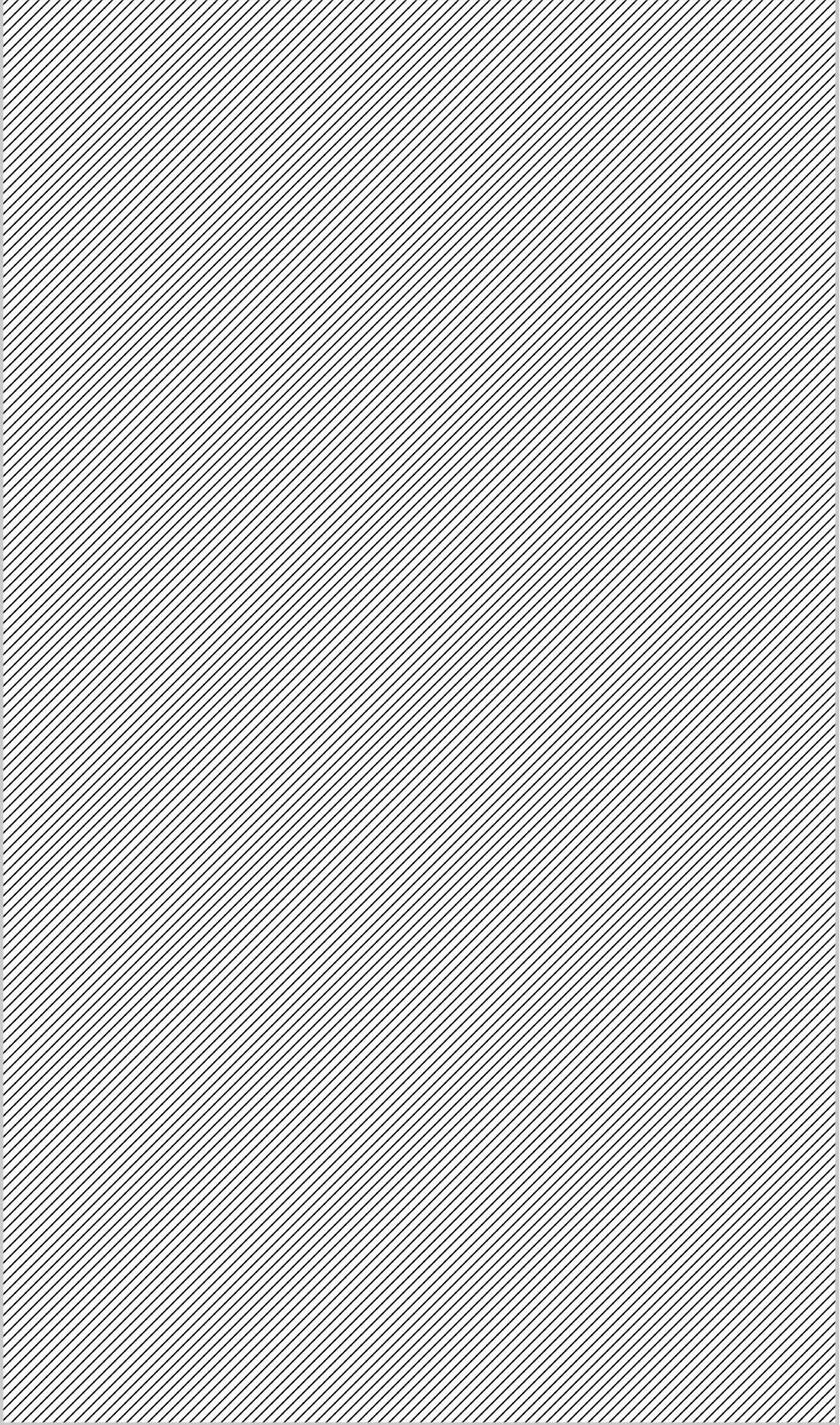
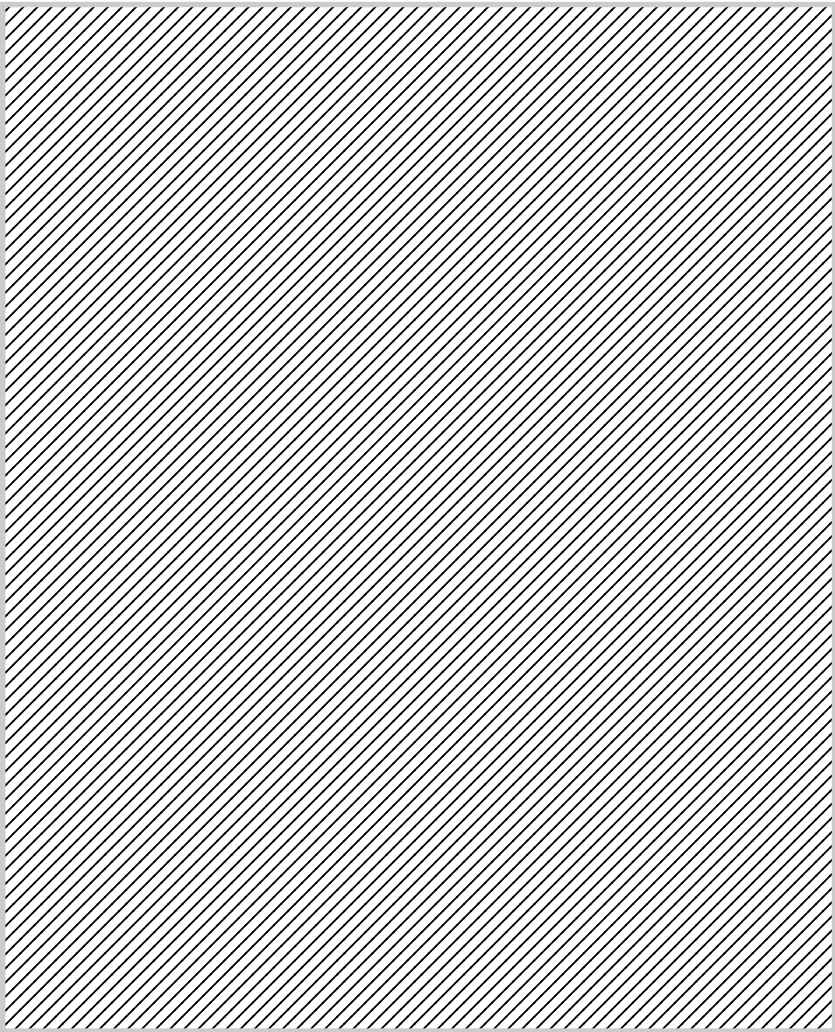
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Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters performs a final review of airmen during a farewell ceremony Jan. 19 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. (Courtesy photo)

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md (AFPN) — The following remarks were made by F. Whitten Peters, secretary of the Air Force, during his farewell address here Jan. 19: “Today marks the end of a most unexpected journey for me. In my wildest imagination, I never dreamed that I would have the honor of serving the men and women who serve America.

“I am deeply humbled to stand before you, one last time, as the leader of the greatest Air Force the world has ever known. It is a privilege to have one last opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women here assembled as well as the 700,000 men and women of America’s Air Force that you represent.

“Unlike so many of you, I have not spent my life in public service. Oh yes, as many of you may know, I answered the call of my draft board, an arcane institution that used to have something to do. And I served three years in uniform as an officer of the Naval Reserve, reaching the exalted rank of lieutenant junior grade before returning to private life.

“But my service pales in comparison to that of the men and women who selflessly rebuilt the military after Vietnam, beat Saddam Hussein, and won the Cold War. And [who] today stand ready to meet any challenges this uncertain world throws [their] way.”When I was in high school, before many of you in this [hangar] were born, [President John F. Kennedy] challenged our generation to ask what we can do for our country. That thought, which inspired so many, is why when the call came, in 1995, to return to public service as the principal

deputy general counsel of the Department of Defense, I had to answer.

“It may sound corny, indeed it probably is corny, but I felt this move would allow me to repay, in some small measure, the enormous debt that I, and every American, owe to this nation.

“Even then, I had no idea that unlikely events would conspire to place me here. I would soon find myself leading the United States Air Force, first as under secretary and [then] acting secretary, and, for the last 18 months, as secretary.

“Frankly, I’m still surprised, I know my mother is surprised, and I’m quite sure that my old drill instructors at [Naval Officer Training School], if they remember me at all, probably went into cardiac arrest.

“But if this was an unexpected journey, it has also been one that is truly awe-inspiring.

“I had a vague notion of the great things our men and women in the military were accomplishing. As secretary, I found that those vague notions fell far short of the mark. Day in, day out, our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen make the heroic look routine.

“Among the most valuable fringe benefits of my post has been the ability to watch, up close, as these amazing men and women of our total force change the world for the better every single day.

“I have watched as aerospace power, for the first time, won a major conflict.

“I’ve watched our airmen contain dictators in North Korea and Iraq, and I watched as they assisted in peacekeeping efforts from Bosnia to Albania to East Timor, as they delivered humanitarian relief to over a hundred nations every year and provided disaster relief in our own country as well.

“And in their spare time, the men and women of this Air Force rescued a cancer patient at the South Pole, retrieved remains of (those missing-in-action) in Vietnam, performed medical miracles at places such as Wilford Hall, Texas, and even transported a whale from Oregon to Iceland.

“You have taken the expression “flexibility is the key to airpower” and raised it to a new art form — truly awe-inspiring. But even more than a front-row seat to history, this office has given me the opportunity to promote the interests of the men and women who serve America.

Air Force secretary bids farewell

“In September of 1999, as many of you welcomed me to this office, we stood on a soggy parade ground at Bolling Air Force Base, [D.C.], and I promised you that Air Force people and their families would be my number one priority.

“I believe now what I said then, ‘Without you, the men and women of the total force, there can be no Air Force.’ I have done my best to live by those words.

“Together, we worked to modernize our aircraft, space systems and support equipment so that Air Force men and women have the tools they need to fly, fight and win — rapidly, decisively and at the least possible risk to themselves and noncombatants.

“We worked with Congress for better pay, benefits and bonuses, so that the men and women who give so much to their country can build a decent life for themselves and their families.

“We have improved housing, medical care and childcare so that, when our men and women are far from home, they know their families are safe and well cared for. And we [have] built an expeditionary aerospace force that is restoring predictability and stability to the lives of our people and their families.

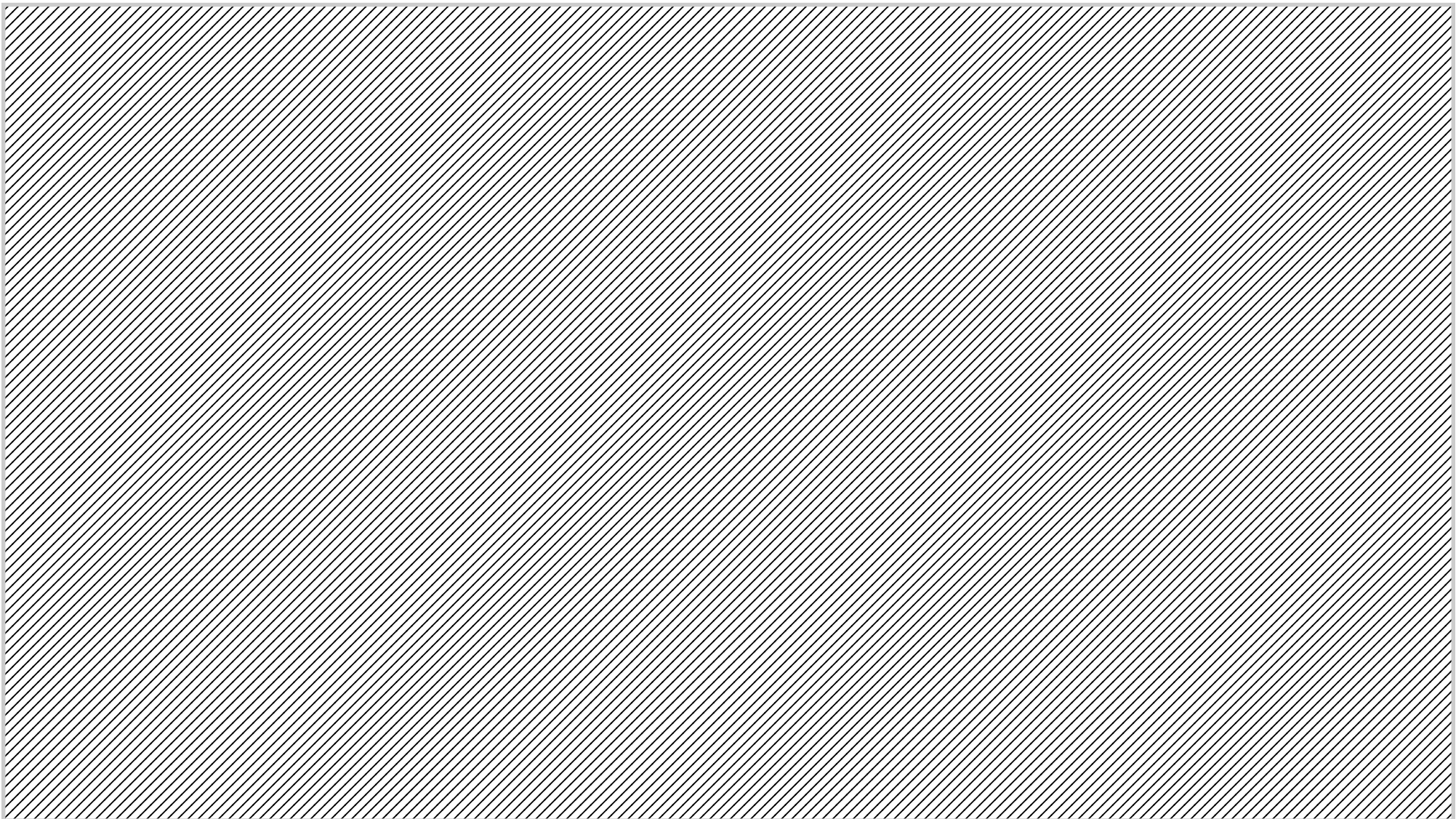
“But most of all, again, I want to thank the men and women of the total Air Force — officers, enlisted, civilians and families, (active duty), Guard and Reserve — who were with me every step of this journey.

“It is really ironic. I came to this job, at least in part, to demonstrate my appreciation for all you have done for America, but yet I have received far more back than I gave. Just as you have fueled the Air Force, you have fueled me.

“And though tomorrow marks the end of the journey for me, the journey continues for America’s Air Force. There are many challenges on the horizon as you face the demands of a new century and a changing world.

“Some of those challenges are even beyond the horizon — both unpredictable and unknowable. That is OK, the Air Force was born to take us to those new horizons and to forever test and challenge and to expand the envelope.

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Brooks scientist, AF pioneer, Ikels, passes away at 71

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Dr. Kenneth Ikels, an Air Force pioneer in the development of aircraft oxygen-generating systems, passed away in early January. He was 71.

Ikels was a Brooks civil service scientist for decades, retiring from a second career here last summer as a contractor with Veridian, supporting the Air Force Research Laboratory Human Effectiveness Directorate's Biodynamics and Protection Division.

Besides his pioneering work in on-board oxygen-generating systems, Ikels's other great Air Force contributions was in high altitude research and work focusing on protecting aviators from chemical contaminants.

In 1983, the Air Force honored him for his many achievements with the Otis S. Benson Award for "the greatest scientific contributions to aerospace medicine."

The Brooks scientific community was shocked by his death. "I couldn't believe it. He was very active. He'd walk every day [for exercise] when he was at Brooks," said longtime friend Dr. Rich Miller, chief of AFRL's Directed Energy and Bioeffects Division.

Miller first worked with Ikels in 1969 when both were U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine scientists assigned to the Environmental Sciences Division. "He was an excellent scientist. He did thorough work," Miller recalls, noting that one of Ikels's first major research projects involved high altitude decompression sickness. However, his real expertise was in aircraft oxygen generation.

"He was instrumental in the development of molecular sieve technology," Miller said in describing the major component of On-Board Oxygen Generation System. OBOGS was initially installed on F-15Es during the mid-1990s. Today, the system is used on a variety of Air Force aircraft including the F-22, B-1B and B-2.

In a Discovery interview with Ikels in 1998, he said, "In 1968-69, the Air Force canceled the Manned Orbiting Lab program. We changed our whole direction from space to aircraft. In the early 1970s, they [Air Force leaders] wanted to know how best to help man survive in aircraft."

He said the Brooks team he headed investigated various methods for generating oxygen in flight to replace the military aviation community's reliance on highly volatile liquid oxygen. "We were interested in eliminating liquid oxygen use. The LOX system [fielded by the Air Force during the Korean War] is too dangerous to handle," Ikels said, explaining that liquid oxygen supports combustion.

Clarence Theis, who Ikels hired as a chemist in 1960 to work at USAFSAM's Department of Physiology, worked with his former colleague on OBOGS modifications. "He was very fair and honest. He was very precise, a true professional," Theis said. He said his friend was always concerned about the safety of aviators, looking for better ways to help improve their chances of survival in the hostile aerospace environment.

Ikels's last research years at Brooks involved ways to improve oxygen-generating systems that



Ikels

could filter harmful chemical contaminants, based on earlier work he conducted in the 1980s at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah. In 1986-87, Ikels tested and evaluated OBOGS in F-16s to determine if the system had the capability to filter chemicals such as cyanide and mustard gas and nerve agents sarin and tabun. "OBOGS does a beautiful job of protecting pilots from chemical agents," Ikels said.

Those who worked with him during his last days at Brooks appreciated his vision and work ethic. "He really had an innovative approach in how to attack a project.

He was a great thinker. He wasn't bound by tunnel vision," said John Ohlhausen, a Wyle Labs research engineer.

"He'd come up with new ideas and really enjoyed working with the fabrication shop to test his new devices," said George Miller, AFRL research engineer.

Dr. Bill Storm, AFRL research psychologist, said Ikels was a very warm and compassionate person who often mentored younger scientists and engineers. One of Ikels's Brooks proteges is Nathan Dillon, a Veridian research engineer, who said, "He was an extremely patient man. He'd let you explore new ideas and allow you to make mistakes."

Ikels's sudden, unexpected death was also mourned by his native New Braunfels community.

He was also an education advocate, serving two separate tours as a New Braunfels High School chemistry teacher.





Historic anniversary looms for Aerospace Med School

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America's space program would not have gotten off the ground as early as it did if not for an historic milestone that occurred at Randolph Field more than 50 years ago.

On Feb. 9, 1949, the world's first Department of Space Medicine was created at the School of Aerospace Medicine. This organization, which later became the Department of Aerospace Medicine in the renamed U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, was instrumental in providing research critical to the United States space program when it was established a decade later during the dawn of the 'space age.'

Aviation physiology pioneer, the late Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Harry Armstrong, was the visionary behind the establishment of the Department of Space Medicine. Armstrong, who would later become Air Force Surgeon General, was also responsible for creating the world's first aeromedical research center that led to the School of Aerospace Medicine moving back to Brooks in 1959.

SAM, later USAFSAM, was established on Nov. 8, 1922, at Mitchell Field, Long Island, N.Y. The War Department moved SAM to Brooks Field in 1926 because the Air Service wanted to concentrate all of its flight training here and at Kelly Field. SAM physicians were initially tasked with studying flying cadets' medical problems. By 1931, SAM had moved to Randolph Field where it developed into a world-class teaching and research institution.

In 1935 at Wright Field, Ohio, the then newly established Physiological Research Unit began collaborating with SAM to develop aerospace medicine.

Armstrong, who was involved in early high altitude balloon experiments, realized in the 1940s that research was needed to help safeguard aviators at increasingly higher altitudes.

Some of the world's leading scientists in high altitude research were recruited for the new Department of Space Medicine. Among them were two brothers,



Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Harry Armstrong was the visionary behind the establishment of the Department of Space Medicine. (Courtesy photo)

Drs. Fritz and Heinz Haber who in 1949 conceived the idea of using jet airplanes to create weightlessness.

By the early 1950s, SAM scientists had advanced space medicine research through numerous weightlessness flights on microgravity's physiological and psychological effects, and by creating the world's first 'space cabin' simulator that replicated, with some limitations, an artificial environment.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration relied heavily on SAM's Department of Space Medicine research during its early years following the space agency's creation in 1958.

February is Children's Dental Health Month

By Eria Naumann

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A vital part of an infant's overall health is their oral health. Early childhood caries is a multifaceted disease that affects children all over the world. It is an aggressive oral disease and can occur in children up to the age of three. It begins by affecting the upper front teeth, and eventually spreads to the primary first molars. Early childhood caries includes tooth decay, nursing caries, rampant caries, sipper cup caries, and caries related to the consumption of soft drinks.

Ten factors affecting the occurrence and severity of early childhood caries include:

1. Diet and nutrition
2. Oral hygiene
3. Fluoridation
4. Preventive dental measures
5. Transmission of cariogenic microbes from mother to child
6. A child's genetic susceptibility to dental disease
7. Salivary flow and its pH buffering capacity
8. Mucosal immunity
9. Lifestyle
10. A history of previous dental caries

The mouths of adults, as well as infants, contain millions of bacteria, including the infectious mutans streptococci. These bacteria are the initiators of the caries disease process. The transfer of these mutans occurs when the mother, for example, who may already have the caries disease herself, puts the baby's feeding spoon into her mouth and then back to the baby's mouth thus infecting the baby's teeth. This process can take place as early as 11 months of age.

It is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry that a child's first visit take place at 12 months of age. This is the ideal time for a dentist to evaluate a child's oral and dental health, as well as any ongoing problems that may exist.

One important warning sign of the caries disease is "white spot lesions." These are white, chalky areas on the front teeth, close to the gum line, caused by acid-producing bacteria, and directly precede irreversible loss of tooth structure.

A piece of clean gauze should be used to clean the gums of a small infant twice a day. This is important to establish a healthy oral environment for the baby teeth.

Infants should be introduced to the toothbrush around the age of one. A baby tooth cleanser should be used up to the age of 2 and a half. Around that age, a pea-sized drop of children's toothpaste can be applied to the toddler's brush.

A reward system may need to be used to accomplish the task of brushing your child's teeth even for a short time, like 5 seconds. Playing with their favorite toy or playing a special game with mom or dad is a great reward. Increase the brushing time as the child permits.

Infant oral health is achievable. A healthy diet, minimizing the consumption of sweets, brushing a child's teeth twice a day and getting early dental examinations will result in a happy, healthy smile.

We SALUTE you! 'David beats Goliath' for AFRL/AFMC awards

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The Air Force Research Laboratory's Research and Development Contracting Division overcame great odds to capture both the AFRL and Air Force Material Command "Outstanding Contracting Unit Award" for fiscal 2000.

The dual awards will be presented to the organization at separate ceremonies March 28-29 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"We were surprised that we won the awards because of the size of our organization," said Tom Flagmeier, Chief of the R&D Contracting Division. The eight-member unit, which supports half of AFRL's Human Effectiveness Di-

rectorate located at Brooks, Mesa, Ariz.; and Wright-Patterson AFB, earned the honors in the science and technology category.

"We're the smallest contracting unit within AFRL," Flagmeier said, explaining that the competition was strong and extremely close. His unit was up against much larger contracting organizations at Kirtland AFB, N.M., Eglin AFB, Fla., and Hanscom AFB, Mass., that supported multiple technical directorates.

Contracting units were judged on mission accomplishment, customer service, contracting innovation, process management, personnel training and recognition.

During the competition year, Flagmeier's team managed more than 250 contracts valued in excess of \$500 million and awarded 400 contracting actions worth \$37 million.





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PETERS BIDS FAREWELL

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"I have said before there is no end-state to this great Air Force — only constant, perpetual and relentless change and improvement. It's not easy and it's often exhausting, but you have to admit that it's pretty exciting.
"No institution is better prepared to meet the challenges of the future. No group has a better team of leaders. And no group of people, large or small, is poised to give so much to our great nation.

"Thank you for your service. Thank you for making America stronger and our world better. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your help, your loyalty, your friendship and all which you have given me during these three remarkable years.
"I will carry the memory of that time and friendship in my head and my heart forever. God speed to all of you and God bless America."



Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters joins Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., during a farewell ceremony for Peters. (Courtesy photo)



NEWS briefs

Brooks tax center opens

The Brooks tax center opens Monday and will be in operation through April 12. It is located in Bldg. 130, Room 149A. Hours are 8-11 a.m. and noon-3 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 1-6 p.m. on Thursday.

The volunteer tax assistance representatives offer free electronic filing of tax returns (by appointment only), state and federal tax forms and answers to basic income tax questions. These services are available for all active duty and retired military and their family members.

Call 536-2775 for more information.

Annual awards banquet

The annual military awards banquet, where Brooks will salute its finest airmen, NCOs, officers and civilians for 2000, is Feb. 23 in the Brooks Club. Tickets are \$10 for E-1-E-4, O-1, and GS-1-GS-6; \$17 for E-5-E-8, O-2-O-5, and GS-7-GS-12; and \$21.50 for E-9, O-6 and higher, and GS-13 and higher.

Brooks first sergeants have tickets and more information.

Science Fair judges needed

The 311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs office is looking for people at Brooks to serve as judges for local school science fairs this spring.

If interested, call or email Ed Shannon at 536-5140 and provide your name, organization and duty phone. Eight Brooks volunteers supported more than 1,200 students by serving as judges at a half dozen science fairs last year.

RBFCU changes hours

Beginning March 1, the Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union's Brooks branch's hours will be: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. for drive-through and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. for lobby.

Industry Day

The 311th Human Systems Wing/PK Impac team is sponsoring an Industry Day March 1 in the Brooks Club. Numerous vendors will be available to discuss the latest in office supplies, office furniture, compute hardware and software, office automation equipment, and more.

Industry Day is free. There will also be free refreshments and door prizes.

South Texas Blood Drive

The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center is sponsoring a blood drive from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Brooks Club.

'Wild Flossers' can win prizes

As part of National Children's Dental Health Month, the Brooks Clinic is holding a "Wild Flossers" contest. All a contestant needs to do is guess the number of "Wild Flossers" in a jar located in the base dental clinic waiting room.

"Wild Flossers" are shaped like alligators and other animals, with an open mouth that holds a tiny piece of dental floss.

The closest guess without going too high wins two \$20 power cards from Dave and Busters Restaurant in San Antonio.

The contest ends Feb. 28. All military and civilian workers at Brooks are eligible. Only one guess per person.

Hap Arnold education grant

The Air Force Aid Society awarded more than \$7.5 million in education grants during 2000 to 5,000 college students. But some Air Force families still feel they won't qualify for the grant program. But that's just not so, according to Society officials.

The Society has tailored the program to adjust need measurements based on reasonable standards that fit most Air Force families.

Call the AFAS at 536-2444 to get an application for these \$1,500 college grants.

Guard, Reserve appreciation day


Feb. 14 is Guard and Reserve Appreciation Day at the Brooks Commissary. A mini sale will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lake University

Our Lady of the Lake University Weekend College provides the nontraditional student many opportunities to earn a business degree.

Counselors are available at OLLU, located in Providence Hall, Room 2A. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 and 11. Weekend College is also open from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18.

Call 431-3995 for more information.



Education notes

By Carolyn Croft-Foster
Brooks Education Services Office

AECP extends deadline, increases options

Air Force headquarters authorized an expansion of the authorized majors for AECP. As of Jan. 1, the majors authorized for AECP will include the following: aeronautical engineering, aerospace engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering, foreign areas of studies, foreign languages, industrial engineering, mathematics, mechanical engineering, meteorology, nuclear engineering, nursing, physics, and other ABET-accredited engineering degrees.

Also, the number of authorizations for AECP will increase from 90 to 180 through fiscal 2004. AECP currently graduates 30 airmen each year and selects 30 airmen to begin the program each year.

Starting with the April AECP board, AFROTC will begin selecting about 60 candidates per board. Selectees should plan to begin the AECP program the following fall academic term.

The application deadline has been extended. Applications are due to AFIT by Feb. 15 and must be coordinated through the base education services office.

Interested students may call 536-3617 to schedule an appointment.

Alternative TASP offered at Brooks

The Alternative TASP is now offered at Brooks. This exam is required for all students enrolled in public universities or colleges in Texas. The exam covers reading, sentence skills, math and writing and costs \$15.

Placement exams are also available for students who are enrolling in certificate programs at the college level. There is no charge for placement exams.

Call 536-3617 for more information or to schedule an appointment to take the Alternative TASP.



Brooks Family Support Center activities



12:30-3 p.m., Tuesday, Bldg. 538 — “Smooth Move”

Leaving on a permanent change of station? Hear briefings from transportation, legal, clinic, finance, housing, and the family support center and ask questions. This briefing is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians and spouses.

3-4 p.m., Tuesday, Bldg. 538 — “PCS Overseas”

Any move can be stressful, but an overseas move has its own set of challenges and opportunities. Learn more about your OCONUS PCS by attend-

ing the Smooth Move Seminar and staying after for the PCS Overseas class.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14 and 28, Bldg. 538 — “Investing For Your Future Series”

The kind of future you and your family will have depends on the decisions you make today.

Start planning for your future by attending the following classes:

- Wednesday — Basic Investing
- Feb. 14 — Mutual Funds
- Feb. 28 — Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA seminar)

8 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Bldg. 538 — “Balancing Work & Life (First Duty Station PFMP Orientation/Survival Tips for First Termers)”

This class is mandatory for members whose first duty station is Brooks. By starting off on the right track, one can avoid the common mistakes member frequently make.

Learn how to apply basic money management skills and become acquainted with the many programs and services available to you.

10-11 a.m., Feb. 12, Bldg. 538 — “Sponsor Training”

In accordance with AFI 36-3011, sponsor training is mandatory of all first-time sponsors and those who have not sponsored within the past year. However, others are more than welcome to attend. Learn about tools and resources available for sponsors.

9-11:30 a.m., Feb. 13, Bldg. 538 — “Salary Negotiation”

Learn the ins and outs of salary negotiation. Topics include myths, mistakes, perks, and more.

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 20-22, Bldg. 538 — “TAP Seminar”

This three-day seminar is offered every quarter to retiring and separating military members and their spouses. Topics include job search preparation, resume writing, interviewing skills to include appropriate dress, Veterans benefits, and much more.

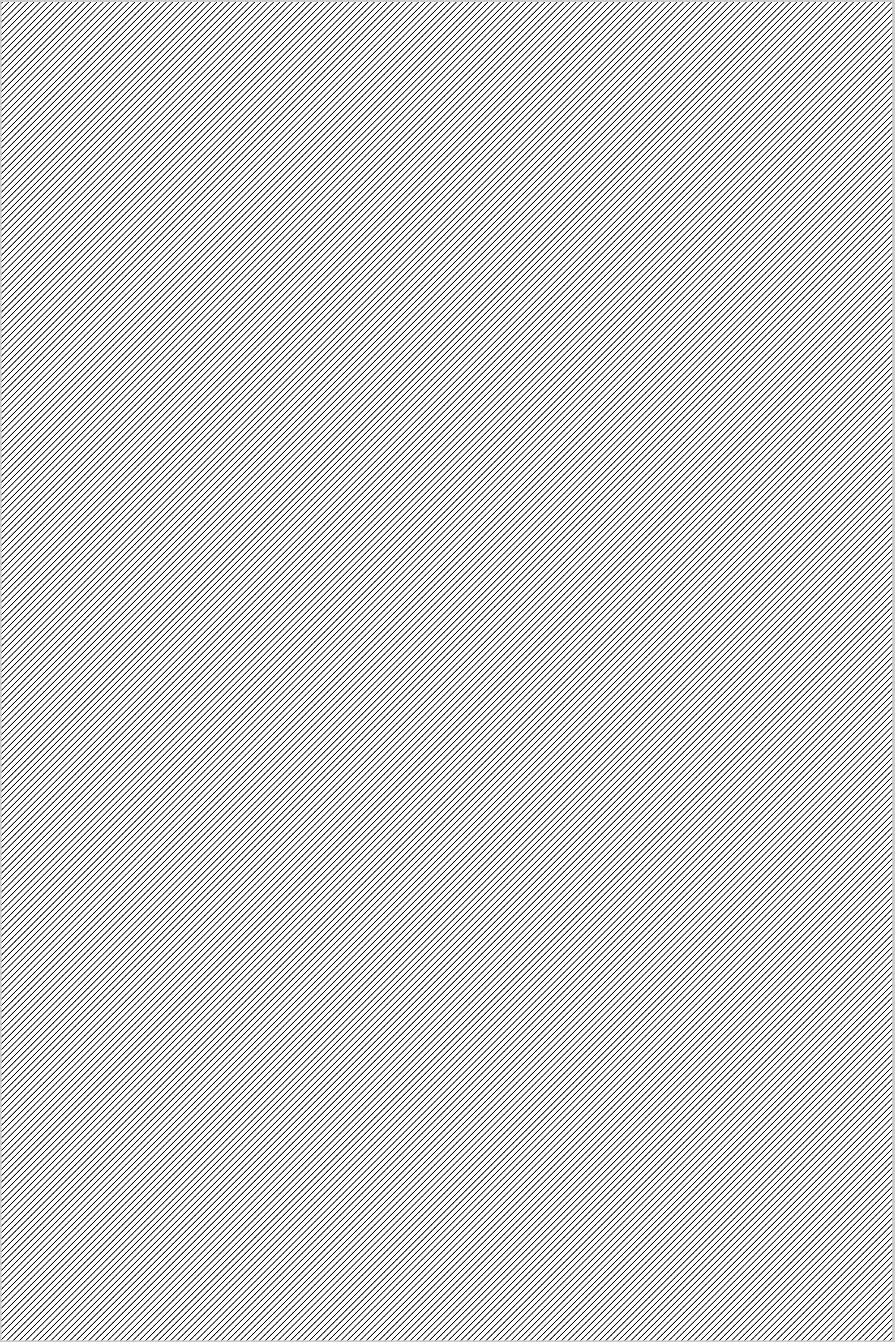
Interested people should attend at least 180 days prior to retirement/separation.

9-11:30 a.m., Feb. 26, Bldg. 538 — “TROA — Marketing Yourself for a Second Career”

This is a dynamic presentation highlighting various issues associated with the job search process. Learn to network successfully to get access to the hidden job market.

Discover important strategies to gain favor over your competition. Utilize information and effective tactics in the salary negotiation process.

Call 536-2444 for reservations or questions.





311th Services

Bldg. 1154, 536-8057

Summer Bash 2001 10th anniversary poster contest — This contest is open to all base peoplel and their families. The design will be used on a poster, flyer and promotional materials that will be used command-wide to promote Summer Bash.

Divisions are adult and youth, ages 6-9, 10-13 and 14-18. Entries will be judged on originality of design, clarity of message and quality of work rela- tive to age. Elements that should be included are: Sandy the Dog; the words “Summer Bash” and ref- erence to the 10th anniversary.

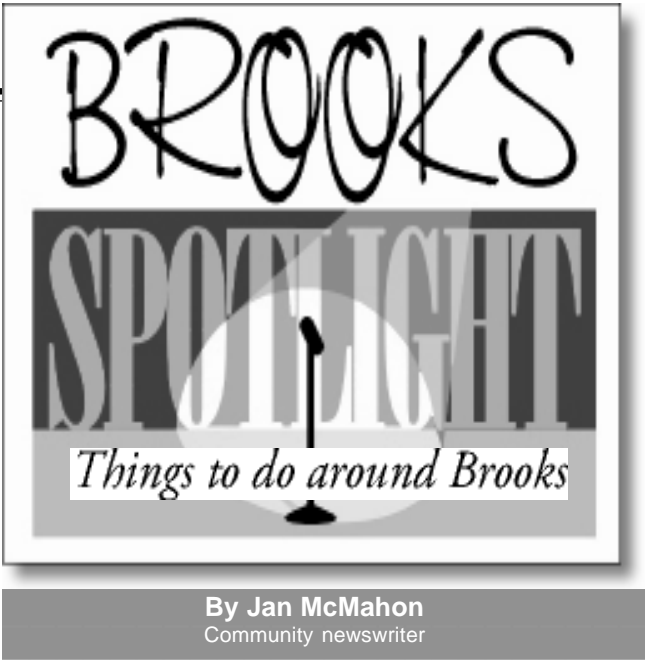
At base level a winner from each age category will be selected. Winning entries will then be for- wardd to Air Force Materiel Command headquarters. Winners from all bases will be com- bined for the command level judging. One adult and one overall youth poster will be chosen to use for promotional purposes. Individuals may enter as many times as they wish, but each entry must have a separate entry form.

There will be one overall youth winner and one adult winner. Command level prizes is \$300 and a framed poster-size print of winning work for the adult. The youth winner will receive a portable CD player and a framed poster-size print of winning work.

Entries must be submitted to Services market- ing by close of business March 8. Base level win- ners will be forwarded to command and overall winners will be announced by March 25. There will be one overall youth and winner and one adult winner.

For more information, contact the Services mar- keting office at 536-8057 or 536-5475.

‘Cow Poke’ Breakfast — Stop by today as civil lengineers and Services host the first ever CowPoke Breakfast from 6:30-8:30 a.m. in the compound area of CE, Bldg. 1160. Purchase breakfast tacos, pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy, break-



fast biscuits, coffee and orange juice. There will be music, door prize drawings and much more.

Fitness center

Bldg. 940, 536-2188

The fitness center and the African American Cultural Association will co-sponsor the fun run/ walk in honor of Black History Month at 11 a.m. Feb. 14. Participants should sign-up at the fitness center. The first 150 participants to sign up will receive T-shirts. At the conclusion of the run/walk door prize drawings will be held.

For more information, call Roy Conatzer at 536- 3499 or Josie Swindell at 536-3723.

FrameWorks

Bldg. 1154, 536-2120

The FrameWorks now has pre-owned wildlife scenes by famed artist Gilbert Duran. Several of the framed prints are signed and numbered lim- ited editions. Stop by the center and check out these beautiful prints.

Do you have artwork that no longer fits into your decor? Place them on consignment at the

FrameWorks. Let artwork that has brought plea- sure to you brighten someone else’s home or of- fice.

Brooks Club

Bldg. 204, 536-3782

Need a little mystery in your love life? Treat your valentine Feb. 16 to an evening at the theater, where the buffet dinner will be set out by our own Brooks Club. The murder mystery “Til’ Death Do Us Part” will start at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$23 per person and are available from any Brooks Spouse’ Club officer. Tickets are available through Feb. 12. Call Kate Dodd at 337-9218 for details.

Outdoor recreation

Bldg. 1154, 536-2881

Outdoor recreation is in the process of ordering much need new equipment. Stop by Bldg. 1154 to pick up one of the new rods reels, mountain bikes, sporting equipment, folding tables and chairs, or maybe even the supper cooker to cook up all you favorite things.

Call 536-2881 for information and pricing on the new items.

Commissary

Bldg. 661, 536-2727

In order to serve you better, the commissary is studying their days of operation. Over the next few weeks, they will be conducting a survey at the com- missary to determine the best five days to support your needs.

Currently the commissary is open Monday-Fri- day. The survey that is being done is to see if Saturday’s would be a better day to be open as oppose to Monday’s. We appreciate your support while we work to make your shopping the best possible.

If you have any questions on about this survey, please contact John Robinette at 536-3961.





Feature



BLACK HISTORY

James Europe — WWI hero, music pioneer

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFPS) — The name “Lt. James Reese Europe” etched into a graying, weathered tombstone doesn’t mean anything to most visitors to Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery. Of Europe, the late ragtime and jazz composer and performer pianist Eubie Blake once said, “He was the savior of Negro musicians ... in a class with Booker T. Washington and Martin Luther King Jr.”

Europe is credited with bringing ragtime out of the bordellos and juke joints into mainstream society and elevating African American music into an accepted art form. He was an unrelenting fighter for the dignity of African American musicians and for them to be paid on the same scale as their white peers.

The French government called him a battlefield hero. Before the war, however, he was a household name in New York’s music world and on the dance scene nationwide. According to books about ragtime and early jazz, James Reese Europe was the most respected black bandleader of the “teens” when the United States entered World War I. Both his battlefield heroism and his music fell into obscurity after his untimely and tragic death at 39.

The son of a former slave father and a “free” mother, Europe was born in Mobile, Ala., on Feb. 22, 1881.

Europe’s compositions were played with a jazz twist long before the “Jazz Age.” His style was between the syncopated beat of ragtime and the syncopated improvisation of jazz. He became popular in France as leader of the 369th Infantry Regiment band during World War I.

He enlisted in the 15th Infantry, a black New York National Guard outfit, on Sept. 18, 1916. Europe accomplished something only a few African Americans did in those days — he attended officers training and was commissioned a lieutenant.

The 15th Infantry was later redesignated the 369th Infantry, which the French nicknamed “The Harlem Hellfighters.” Europe’s regimental commander, Col. William Hayward, asked the new lieutenant to organize “the best damn brass band in the United States Army.”

Europe recruited musicians from Harlem and recruited singers, comedians, dancers and others who could entertain troops. He recruited the best drum major he could find — Harlem dancer Bill “Bojangles” Robinson.

The Harlem Hell-fighters served 191 days in combat, longer than any other U.S. unit. The men earned 170 French Croix de Guerres for bravery. One of their commanding officers, Col. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., would become the Army’s first black general in 1940.

When the regiment returned home in the spring of 1919, it paraded up New York’s 5th Avenue to Harlem, led by the band playing its raggedy tunes to the delight of more than a million spectators.

Europe ironically survived being shot at and gassed in the trenches of France only to die on May 9, 1919, at the hands of one of his own men. A deranged drummer named Herbert Wright cut Europe’s jugular vein with a penknife while the bandleader was preparing for a show at Mechanics Hall in Boston. Wright had been angry because he thought Europe favored his twin brother over him.

France bestowed one its highest military awards on Europe and the 369th Infantry. The Dec. 9, 1918, citation to the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star reads in part:

“This officer [Lt. James Reese Europe], a member of the 369th Infantry Regiment of the 93rd Infantry Division, American Expeditionary Forces, was the first black American to lead United States troops in battle during World War I.”

Interest has grown in Europe’s music in recent years and his recordings are being remastered and reissued on CDs.

MONTH

Brooks AACA plans Black History Month observances

By Rick Sinkfield
Brooks African-American Cultural Association

The Brooks African-American Cultural Association is sponsoring and cosponsoring several events during February to commemorate Black History Month. Specifically, the AACA wants to celebrate African-American history, culture and foster positive relations.

This year’s theme is “Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture.” Events will emphasize African-American culture; others will support the Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship fund.

For event tickets or more information, call the AACA at 536-4188 or Lt. Col. Lamar Odom, Black History Month chairperson, at 536-3723.

Story time

Children will be led through folk tales and will act out the roles during a special “Story Time” beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Brooks Child Development Center.

Call Erica Winn at 536-3275 for details.

Lifebuilders speakers series

The AACA has teamed with the Brooks Chapel to present speakers from the military and local community. The series begins at 11:30 a.m. and is presented every Wednesday during February in the base chapel. Guest speakers will be:

Wednesday: Lt. Col. Will Gunn, Randolph Air Force Base Law Center;

Feb. 14: Gloria Ray, San Antonio Fiesta Commission Chair;

Feb. 21: Dr. Lawrence Williams, University of Texas at San Antonio Health Science Center; and

Feb. 28: Rev. Almond Dillard, New Birth Baptist Church. Dillard is a retired master sergeant.

Ethnic menu

Cultural menu favorites will be on the lunch menu Thursday and Feb. 9 in the Brooks Club and Feb. 27 in the base dining facility.

Call Jerrell Dudley-Coleman at 536-2210 for details.

Buffalo Soldiers encampment

The San Antonio Buffalo Soldiers’ Association’s 9th Cavalry will demonstrate its living history from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 9 on the grassy area across the street from the base fire station. There will be a live horse exhibit, a tent display, uniform displays, weapons displays, period artifacts

and a presentation of the history of the Indian Wars. Call 2nd Lt. Jessica Joyner at 536-4740 for more information.

Base exchange displays

The Brooks Exchange will provide ethnic displays and product specials throughout February.

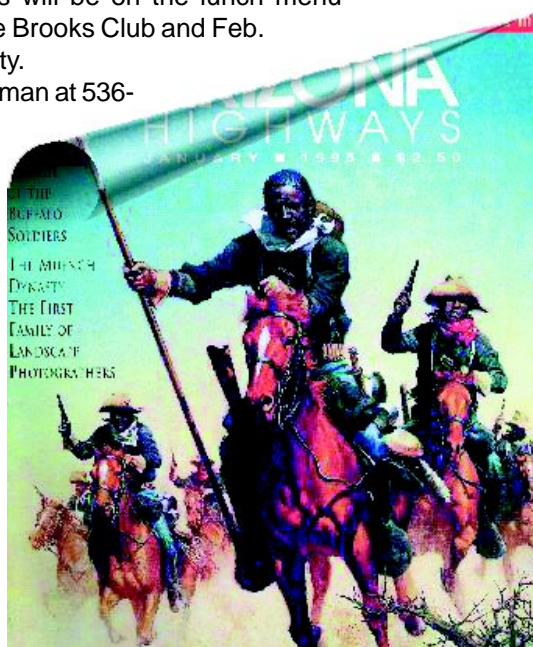
Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship luncheon

This is the highlight event for Brooks’ Black History Month observance.

The luncheon is at 11:15 a.m., Feb. 21 in the Brooks Club. Keynote speaker is Gen. Lester Lyles, commander, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Scholarship award winners will be recognized. The buffet luncheon menu includes Rosemary chicken and roast beef.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from any unit AACA member. RSVP at the AACA website (www.brooks.af.mil/aaca) or call 536-9738 for tickets or contact Capt. A.J. Bullock at 536-2067 for details.



Brooks
Personality
PROFILELandscapes may
change, but Parks
returns to Texas

By Cerise Fenton

311th Human Systems Wing Public Affairs
Comments? cerise.fenton@brooks.af.mil

Senior Airman Marcus DeWayne Parks, personnel technician in the 311th Air Base Group orderly room, believes that life is about doing what's right, and never missing an opportunity to do so. For him, each day provides another opportunity to redeem himself.

"There's no time like the present to get myself right with Christ," he said. "I don't want to do anything to damage or jeopardize my salvation so I'm focusing on getting myself together."

Although he's proud of the success he's had so far, he continues on what he calls his 'Christian walk,' his most prized possession.

Parks joined the Air Force six years ago as a postal clerk, knowing the career field would practically guarantee him an overseas assignment. He intended to travel and dreamt of visiting the mythical Greece he'd read about as a child, as well as Japan and Spain. But those dreams took him no further than his first tour in Germany. By that time, Parks had two children and was changing his mind about raising them so far from his family. He retrained into a career field that would bring him home.

He didn't expect to literally come home, though.

"I never thought they'd send me back to Texas," the Fort Worth native said. Since both parents and his brother and sister still in Fort Worth, it's worked out well. Now, more than ever, Parks is thankful for his decision to change jobs. Not only is he happy in his new career field but as a single father with joint custody of his 3 and 4-year old sons, he enjoys being able to take them to visit his family. They make the trip as often as possible, usually once a month.

As for being a single parent and service member at the same time, Parks said it isn't as hard as he thought it would be. He spends a lot of time with his boys at the park, watching movies and playing with their remote controlled cars. To him, being a father and a dad are two different things; a father provides, and a dad is involved in a child's life. He prides himself on being both.

Parks also takes pride in being a friendly, easygoing person. Although people feel comfortable being around him and talking to him, he admits he limits his social life to activities that include his children.

Outside of spending time with his sons, Parks fills his life with photography, mostly snapshots of his children, basketball, church and his old hobby, music.

Throughout high school Parks was heavily involved with both the marching and jazz bands as a trumpet player.

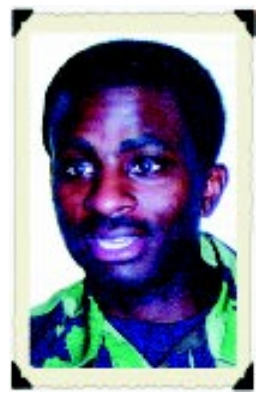
"Anything and everything revolved around the band," he said.

Although he doesn't play in a band anymore he keeps in practice as the bugler for the Brooks Honor Guard.

"There are so many different dialects and different languages out there, but music is an international tongue," he said. He prefers gospel, classical and hard jazz, specifically, swing jazz. "It helps me think," he said about listening to music. Often, after the children are in bed, he puts on his music and uses the time to study his career development courses for promotion.

Parks' five-year goal is to make technical sergeant. He is currently studying for staff sergeant, which he could make this year. If he does, he'll be eligible to test for technical sergeant in 2003, if he doesn't apply to officer training school, that is. Either way, Parks says he'll stay in the Air Force until they kick him out, whether that's at 20, 24 or 30 years. He learned from his father, who served one enlistment in the U.S. Army and told him, "Don't get out until you reach your dreams because you may never have another chance to pursue them."

Parks still dreams of traveling. Despite his decision to return to the states for his sons' sakes, he wants them to experience other cultures. With more than three years at Brooks he's hoping for an overseas assignment that will fulfill all of those needs.



Parks

Q&A

FULL NAME:

Senior Airman Marcus DeWayne Parks

DUTY TITLE,

*Personnel technician,**311th Air Base Group Command Support Staff*

WHAT IS MY JOB?:

I'm the guy who takes care of the leave slips

BIRTHDAY:

Oct. 16, 1974

HOMETOWN:

Fort Worth, Texas

FAMILY STATUS:

Single father and dad to DeWayne and Kenji

NICKNAME I CALL

*MYSELF:**"Prime, Prime Time"*

PERSONAL MOTTO:

"Nothing in life is hard — life is just hard."

INSPIRATIONS:

My children

HOBBIES:

Basketball, taking photographs

PET PEEVE:

Dirty house (you never know who might stop by)

BOOK AT BEDSIDE:

"The Bible" and "God Chasers"

I JOINED THE AIR

*FORCE:**To travel and see parts of the world I only heard about in books*

FIVE-YEAR GOAL:

To make technical sergeant

ULTIMATE GOAL:

To get my soul together for the return of Jesus Christ
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I'D:*I don't play lottery, but I guess I'd give 10 percent to the church, buy a house for my family and travel the world*

FAVORITE CAR:

1967 Corvette (but I'd take a Pinto if it was free)

FAVORITE MUSIC:

Gospel, jazz, classical and a little R&B

FAVORITE ACTOR:

Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson (just not in the same movie)

FAVORITE ACTRESS:

Nia Long

LAST MOVIE WATCHED:

"Left Behind"

ONLY MY BEST FRIENDS KNOW THAT:

I am very shy

MY GREATEST

ACCOMPLISHMENT IS:*DeWayne and Kenji*

MY MOST PRIZED

POSSESSION IS:*My Christian walk*

Photos by Staff Sgt. John Jung

“There are so many different dialects and different languages out there, but music is an international tongue.”
— Senior Airman Marcus Parks



Desert Storm — a decade after the war in the sand

By Kevin Gilmartin
Electronic Systems Center Public Affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFMCNS) — For some, it seems like only yesterday; for others, it seems like eons ago. But in truth, this week marks the 10-year anniversary of the beginning of Operation Desert Storm.

It was the evening of Jan. 17, 1991 that the nation held it's collective breath and tuned into CNN and other news stations to watch the beginning of America's first war since Vietnam.

The American public remained riveted by continuing coverage of the country's high-tech assault.

Although Operation Desert Storm officially began Jan. 16 and actual hostilities got underway Jan. 17, American and coalition troops began building up in the region in August 1990, shortly after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Realizing the need to keep an eagle eye on Hussein and his troops, American commanders turned to a program still in its early stages of development, the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or Joint STARS. This airborne radar can de-



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell speaks via satellite to the Pentagon while visiting troops during Desert Storm. (Photo by Sgt. Jeff Wright)



Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander-in-chief, smiles for the camera during a visit to Kuwait in the aftermath of Desert Storm. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Dean Wagner)

tect and track troop and armor formations on the ground well behind enemy lines.

Even though the program consisted of only two development aircraft, both systems were deployed with only three weeks notice to the Middle East Jan. 11, 1991.

The two aircraft, each capable of 12-hour sorties, became the heart of the newly formed 4411th Joint STARS Squadron. The two aircraft alternated 12-hour missions every night, logging more than 500 hours in the skies, relaying data back to Army and Air Force commanders.

Joining Joint STARS in the skies over the Persian Gulf was the Airborne Warning and Control System, or AWACS. Thirty AWACS were deployed, providing comprehensive air traffic control of nearly all the aircraft in the theater, and logging more than 900 sorties totaling 15,000 hours.

Yellow ribbons adorned houses and buildings across America, as people waited for American forces to safely return from the desert.

Although the Persian Gulf War didn't last too long — it ended Feb. 28, 1991 — 148 American servicemen and women lost their lives in the conflict.



A young spectator holds up a newspaper with the headline "Welcome Home" during the National Victory Celebration parade honoring the coalition forces of Desert Storm. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Nugent)



A C-130E Hercules transport aircraft from the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., does an assault

landing on a desert runway. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Hans Deffner)



A crew chief readies an E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft for takeoff. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Hans Deffner)



Sports

SPORTS shorts



Brooks Lady Eagles 9-10 year old basketball team at the 2000 Youth Basketball Jamboree in the Alamodome. (Courtesy photo)

Youth Basketball Jamboree

Brooks youth who want to showcase their hardcourt talents have until Feb. 22 to sign up for the 18th Annual Youth Basketball Jamboree. Sponsored by the San Antonio Spurs and conducted by the Kids Sports Network, the event last year attracted 48 youth teams from throughout the city.

"We fielded five teams last year," said Larry Flores, youth sports director. There was a mixture of coed, all-girl and all-boy teams ranging in age from 7-14 years old.

"Ten-member teams play two, 10-minute games on mini-courts at the Alamodome," Flores said. Jamboree participants also compete in "FANFiesta," a series of interactive basketball fun games.

To enter, teams must purchase at least 30 tickets to the Spurs-Hawks game, and submit a registration form and \$50 deposit to the Kids Sports Network.

Brooks youth have already formed several teams for the event. Brooks families interested in forming their own teams must register by Feb. 22.

Contact the Kids Sports Network at (210) 654-4707 or by email at volunteers@ksnusa.org.

AACA Scholarship tourney

Hook, slice or get serious during this four-person best ball tournament that features prizes from the greatest to the latest.

Tee time is 11:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Brooks golf course. Fee is \$25 per player. Call 536-4931 to sign up.

Proceeds from this tournament, sponsored by the Brooks African-American Cultural Association, support the Bernard P. Randolph Scholarship.

AACA Valentine's 5K

This 5K Run/Walk event, sponsored by the Brooks African-American Cultural Association and the base fitness staff, is in honor of Black History Month. The run begins at 11 a.m., Feb. 14 at the base fitness center.

Call Josie Swindell at 536-3723 or the fitness center at 536-2188 for more information.

NBA 2-ball competition

The National Youth Games is teaming up with the NBA to bring NBA 2-ball.

It works this way: a team of two will have 60 seconds to score as many points as possible from various predetermined spots on the court.

Boy and girls are divided into age groups of 8-9 years and 10-11 years. The local level competition is a 2 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Laden Center, Riverside Baptist Church, 111 Topoka, San Antonio.

To sign up or to obtain additional information, call the Brooks Youth Center Staff or Larry Flores at 536-2515.

Pounding fists pay off

By Oscar Balladares
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KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Eleven warriors fought their way to titles during the 2001 Air Force Boxing Championships held recently in Kelly's Bennett Fitness Center.

"Three boxers really impressed me tonight, but especially Bobby DeLeon," said Air Force boxing coach Osmar Alaniz. "He looked terrific."

DeLeon, from Kunsan Air Base, Korea, needed all four two-minute rounds to dispatch Albert Villarruel, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., in the bantamweight division. The southpaw attributed his win to his height and reach advantage. "My one punches weren't doing too well, but when I threw my combinations they were landing," DeLeon said.

Another boxer that drew Alaniz' attention was James Dubois, Misawa AB, Japan, in the featherweight division. "Dubois was an outstanding boxer," Alaniz said. "He showed a lot of finesse. That was a close bout, but it went to Dubois because he had the better style."

Dubois and Navy's Jason Fields, from Kelly AFB, locked horns in a real crowd pleaser. Both fighters unleashed a full arsenal of jabs, hooks and combinations. Dubois connected with enough crisp combinations and right hooks to Fields' head to win.



Joseph Pastorello (right), Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., used a calculated style to defeat Delbert Freeborn from Durant, Ind., during the 2001 Air Force Boxing Championships held at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Lance Cheung)

Defending light heavyweight champion Joseph Pastorello, from Peterson AFB, Colo., retained his title by delivering solid punches to his opponent's body and head to end to the bout 50 seconds into the fourth.

Alaniz expressed his delight for Pastorello's performance. "He's mentally ready and the confidence he's showing is really terrific," said Alaniz.

The lightweight division bout disappointed Alaniz. "[Ellis] Johnson, for having the experience he has, should have shown more than what he did," he said. Johnson, Andrews AFB, Md., defeated Michael Mead, Offutt AFB, Neb., in a lackluster performance.

Alaniz was also disappointed with the middleweight bout. "The middleweight bout consisted of just too much running around," said Alaniz. "I didn't like that. Losing time ... that's all it was."

Kevin Leggett, from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, defeated Shane Cronley, Yokota AB, Japan, for the middleweight crown.

'Survivors' play for intramural basketball crown

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The drama that enveloped the men's intramural basketball season is only the subplot to an ongoing saga. Surviving teams will 'shoot it out' for the base crown during the fitness center tournament Monday-Thursday.

The four teams advancing to the tourney enter the contest knowing their path there was littered with injuries, defections and ejections.

The biggest surprise is the absence of a team that once posted a 7-2 record and featured a player who has dominated Brooks sports for years.

"Our last forfeit killed us. Our season is over," said Aaron Sinclair, coach of perennial contender Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis.

The always-optimistic Sinclair had his playoff hopes dashed when longtime friend and power forward Robert Taylor prematurely ended his season. "He quit the team. He is fed-up with basketball," Sinclair said. His departure capped a season in which AFIERA's squad was decimated by key player losses including off-guards Tony Greer and Daryl Mason who have since departed on permanent change of station assignments.

Guard Tim Megenhardt's synopsis of AFIERA's situation was brutally honest. He said, "We went from almost taking over first place to being out of the tournament."

Not having enough players, AFIERA was forced to forfeit its third game of the season to the first place team, the 311th Human Systems Wing/Program Office squad, the defending intramural champs.

"We lost to YA by only two points earlier in the season. All our other losses are by forfeit," Sinclair said. Without Taylor and Mason providing a huge inside presence, and 6-foot, 6-inch center Al Bolds lost to two weeks Reserve duty, Sinclair's only remaining impact player Robert Alcorta was not enough to prevent the coach from conceding the season. "We had the makings of a championship team, but it all fell apart. It's very disappointing. YA and security forces are the teams to beat. They are 'head and shoulders' above the rest of the competition," Sinclair said.

Coached by Greg Martin, HSW/YA posted a 7-3 regular season record on the strength of experienced players whose height advantage and basketball savvy proved too much for their opponents.

"It has been a team effort. I had 10 guys show up for every game. My problem was getting everyone in the game," Martin said.

Surprisingly, the team's perennial all-star Va'shon Moore contributed little to the team's success this year due to frequent TDYs. "He played in only two games. We also lost center Drew Rolph to a back injury for most of the season. However, Drew plans to play in the tourney," Martin said.

HSW/YA breezed through the first half of the season, winning its first six games. "We had balanced scoring, a strong inside game, good ball movement and our big buys controlled the boards," he said. The team's offensive leaders include shooting guard A. J. Bullock and power forward Dennis Clements.

Nonetheless, Martin's squad ran into unexpected trouble following the Christmas break. "We lost three games in a row to AFRL, MSS and SFS," he said. "They were really shooting well against us. We knew going into the second half of the season it was going to be a dogfight."

Security forces squadron player-coach Manuel Palomarez agrees with his rival's assessment. Another preseason contender, SFS had what most other teams dreamed of: impact players Colby Benjamin, Junell Dumas and Aaron Garcia, who also play for the base varsity team. Yet their contributions were limited by shift work and scheduling problems that plagued SFS. Nursing a .500 regular season record, Palomarez, nonetheless, credits his co-player-coach Brandley Dapilmoto for keeping them in contention. "Brandley did a great job with our rotations," he said.

Unfortunately, SFS's rivals knew the team's weakness was a lack of reserves. "In a game against 68th Intelligence Squadron where we were up by nine with five-and-half minutes to go, I was ejected for [throwing] an elbow. We had six guys left to their 12. They just ran us to death and won the game," Palomarez said.

The mission support squadron hopes to take its winning record into the tourney where they plan to mount a pressing attack playing "smart ball." Coach Daniel Hernandez plans to rely on his "Little General" guard, team sparkplug and playmaker Bertell Francois. Together with power forward Thomas Williams and guard David King, MSS will be a formidable tourney opponent.

"Also-rans" include the 68th IS and Air Force Research Lab, both with losing records. Matt Failace, 68th IS's 6-foot, 7-inch center, said, "We were inconsistent. We lacked rebounding and were unable to hold a lead late in the game."

AFRL coach Marcus Neal's hopes were "fouled" by reality. The three-point shooting of small forward Michael Weems and guard David Garces was not enough to overcome the team's many inconsistencies.



SPORTS trivia

NEW RULES ANNOUNCED

With a year behind us, and our first contest completed, it's time to update some of the rules to make our trivia contest more competitive and fun for everyone to play. After much thought, here is a rundown of the rules of play:

QUESTIONS: Trivia questions for our contest are derived from many sources, therefore it is not possible to quote any one source. If there is a disagreement as to whether the question and answer are correct, contact the *Discovery* and we will consider your request. All decisions made by the *Discovery* staff are final.

ANSWERS: Answers must be received by the *Discovery* staff by close of business the Friday the week after the *Discovery* is published. In other words, you have a week to decide and email us at Discovery@brooks.af.mil. All entries received after that date will be discarded. If you don't have access to email, you can fax your answers to 536-3235.

SCORING: All correct answers are worth one point. All incorrect answers are worth half a point. This is done for two reasons: to help keep tie scores from happening and to give those who take the time to enter some recognition for their efforts. If there is a bonus question included, a correct bonus answer is also worth one point and an incorrect one is worth half a point. However, you must answer the original question correctly to be eligible for bonus points. The person with the most points after the last issue of the year will be declared the winner of the *Discovery* Sports Trivia contest. In the event of a tie, the person with the most correct answers during the year will be the winner.

Week number one: Our contest is off to a fast start. Five different people answered the question correctly, including last year's winner, Tom Ray. Two others entered, but had the wrong answer. We wanted to know what college Jim Brown attended. The correct answer is Syracuse.

2001 standings are:

T1. Staff Sgt. Tom Ray, Rob Sullivan, Staff Sgt. Jared Isaacs, Mel Waldgeir and Lisa Williams — 1 point

T6. Senior Airman Sean Houghton and 2nd Lt. Eric Dosser — 1/2 point

Here is question No. 2, this time the subject is boxing:

2. Among many others, this man trained Carmen Basilio, Muhammed Ali, Jimmy Ellis, Sugar Ray Leonard and George Foreman. The Boxing Writers Association of America named him "Manager of the Year" in 1968 and 1979. Who is he?

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| a. Lou Duva | b. Angelo Dundee |
| c. Don King | d. Vince McMahon |

C.A.M.P.'s Jog-A-Thon to benefit children

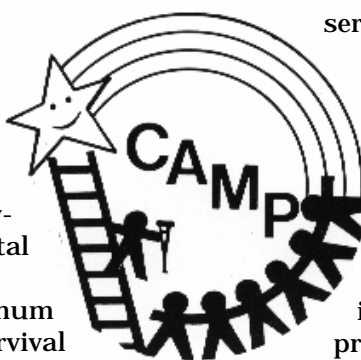
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Children's Association for Maximum Potential

For all who thrive on survival challenges, the 21st annual Jog-A-Thon is a relay race that heightens one's instinct while benefiting children having chronic illnesses or developmental disabilities and their families.

Children's Association for Maximum Potential will host this half-day survival competition April 21 at Northside Athletic Complex where social and recreational teams of runners, joggers, leisurely walkers, and wheelchair athletes will put their survival instincts to the test for charity. The challenge that will welcome every Jog-A-Thon participant to the starting line will be not only to come out miles ahead of competing divisional teams but also to obtain monetary sponsors for each mile to help support the C.A.M.P.'s umbrella of programs and services. Residential camping, respite services, specialized day care, and postoperative and illness recovery center plus many others are all part and parcel of C.A.M.P.'s comprehensive array of programs and services.

"We have set a fund-raising goal of \$75,000 for our second Jog-A-Thon of the new millennium due to the exploding growth in our client population" remarks Katy Hussey-Sloniker, family Support



services director. During the past three years, the camping program alone has grown at an annual rate of fifteen percent, and that percentage factor triples for our agency's growth rate over all. Consequently, proceeds from the upcoming fund-raiser will go towards rebuilding two cabins at our camping facility in Center Point, Texas and providing scholarships for respite and camping events. Incidentally, post operative and illness recovery center is now open to any child whose parent(s) work(s) on the San Antonio Military bases, military or civilian.

Trophies will be awarded to winners in each division at the end of the race. In this contest, it is endurance as it combines with the desire to "go the distance" for children with special needs that will separate the "castaways" from the "survivors".

An early bird registration meeting is from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at the CAMP building, Bldg. 3850, Lackland Air Force Base. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Anyone interested in forming a team or volunteering at the event in other ways can call C.A.M.P. administrative office on Lackland at 292-3572 for more information.



AFIERA donates

From left, Staff Sgt. Chris McClaren, Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis booster club vice president; Larry Flores, Brooks Youth Center youth sports director; and Eric Stephens, AFIERA acting director, show a \$100 check donated by AFIERA to the youth center. The money was raised at the AFIERA Christmas party. The youth center plans to use the funds to help purchase basketball uniforms. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sabrina Johnson)

Youth hoopsters have 'league of their own'

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Beginning in mid-February, Brooks youth will be playing basketball in "a league of their own" as part of a new Air Force-wide program called "Operation Night Hoops."

Cosponsored by the Air Force Services Agency and the Kids Sports Network, the program is being inaugurated this month as a sports league designed exclusively for teenagers at every Air Force base.

"It's similar to midnight basketball, only the games are played around 8 and 9 p.m. on Fridays," said Larry Flores, Brooks youth sports director. He said Brooks fielded two teams last year in support of the pilot program that was hosted at Lackland and Randolph Air Force Bases.

Pilot program participants included 10-player teams from Brooks, Kelly, Lackland and Randolph AFBs. "It was a positive experience for them in that it didn't just focus on basketball, but included workshops designed for teen awareness on various issues," Flores said.

According to Col. Horace Larry, Air Force Services Agency commander, the initiative is a socially themed program designed to discourage participants from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco. AFSA officials said coaches and players are required to attend various lifestyle workshops on such teen awareness issues as managing finances, staying in school, peer pressure and personal fitness.

League requirements include players signing a pledge to be drug, alcohol and tobacco-free. Coaches, specially trained and certified by the non-profit Kids Sports Network, must discuss with their players every week about not using drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

San Antonio Spurs head coach and general manager Gregg Popovich is "Operation Night Hoops" honorary chairman. He was selected based on his team's continued community involvement and for Popovich's Air Force connection as an Air Force Academy basketball player, coach and 1970 graduate. Popovich served nine years as an active duty Air Force officer.

The Spurs coach said, "My team has an exceptional community service record. One of our programs that has helped initiate this program ["Night Hoops"] has been our Drug-free Youth Basketball League."

Several Brooks youth teams, ranging in age from 13-17, already have been formed, Flores said. Youth Sports staff member Marc Grothues will coach one of the teams.

Flores said it's not too late for Brooks families to form their own teams. For more information, contact either the Air Force Services Agency at DSN 487-4045 or by mail at 10100 Reunion Place No. 402, San Antonio, Texas 78216, or the Kids Sports Network at (210) 654-4707, by mail at 8206 Roughrider No. 104, San Antonio, Texas 78239, email: ksntexas@ksnusa.org or visit their website at www.ksnusa.org. Flores can be called at 536-2515.



MacDill families enjoy NFL tailgate party

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN) — Lt. Col. Bob West, 6th Operations Group, turns chicken during a free barbecue and autograph session with National Football League players and cheerleaders Jan. 20 and 21. The tailgate party was one of many "Salute the Armed Forces" activities taking place prior to the Super Bowl. (Photo by Senior Airman Jerron Barnett)

